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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: WALLACH ARTICLE

WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI ONLY

DEPARTMMENT FOR CHRISTOPHER ONLY

REF: STATE 205562; TOSEC 090194

HAVE JUST READ REPORT OF WALLACH ARTICLE. IT MUST BE
KNOCKED DOWN IMMEDIATELY. IT IS WRONG AND WE MUST SAY SO
RIGHT AWAY. I PARTICULARLY REFER TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. OPENING REFERENCE TO "SOME FLEXIBILITY" ON CONTROVERSIAL
TAAIWAN ISSUE FOR FIRST TIME. CHINESE WILL REACT NEGATIVELY
TO THIS AND FEEL IMPELLED TO ANSWER US.
2. REFERENCE IN SECOND PARA THAT "THIS MAY MEAN CHINESE ARE
WILLING TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES WITH TAIWAN THROUGHT
PEACEFUL MEANS." THIS WILL LEAD SOONER RATHER THAN LATER
TO CHINESE PUBLICLY STATING THEIR RIGHT TO LIBERATE

TAIWAN BY FORCE, AND REITERATION OF POSITION THAT TAIWAN IS AN
INTERNAL MATTER.

3. REFERENCE TO ACQUIESCENCE IN US SALE OF ARMS TO TAIWAN

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NOW BRINGS THIS MATTER TO PUBLIC ATTENTION TO DETRIMENT
OF OUR OBJECTIVE. DURING THE MEETING WITH TENG WE NOTED
THAT HE DID NOT REFER TO THIS ASPECT OF MY DESCRIPTION OF
OUR POST-NORMALIZATION RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN. NOW THE
CHINESE MAY FEEL IMPELLED TO STATE A NEGATIVE POSITION.

THIS IS A MOST SERIOUS MATTERM

4. EXPRESSED VIEW IN REMAINDER OF ARTICLE THAT CHINESE

SOMEHOW OR OTHER HAVE CHANGED THEIR VIEWS ON CRITICAL ISSUES,
THAT THIS IS A RESULT OF MY VISIT AND MY REPRESENTATIONS,
AND THAT IT ALL DERIVES FROM A POLICY WHICH WE HAVE ARRIVED
AT THROUGH NSC MECHANISMS WILL ALL BE VIEWED AS A DELIBERATE
ATTEMPT ON OUR PART TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THEY CONCEDED
TO OUR WISHES.

5. OTHER ERRORS OF FACT AND IMPLICATION OCCUR IN ARTICLE.
FOR EXAMPLE, CHINESE DID NOT "CONUNTEANCE" HOLBROOKE VISIT
TO TAIWAN NOR DOES THE VISIT ILLUSTRATE A TOLERANT ATTITUDE
ON THEIR PART. SUCH VISITS HAVE OCCURRED TWICE IN THE PAST
AND ARE NOT EVIDENCE OF ANY TOLERATION.
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